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United States Patent Application Publication 2001/032691 A1  
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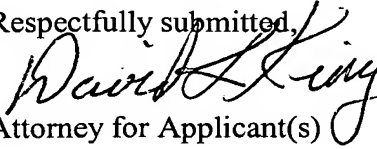
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